

## ILLINOIS CENTRAL CAR REPAIR FRAUDS

Ex-President of Ostermann Manufacturing Company Related Sensational Story.

### GRAFTING VERY EXTENSIVE

Railroad Officials Held Stock in His Company and Drew Big Salaries.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Henry C. Ostermann, former president of the Ostermann Manufacturing Company, who is said to have been a big factor in the Illinois Central railroad car repair frauds, related a sensational story of the inside workings of his concern before Municipal Judge Bruggemeier today.

Ostermann was called as a witness for the prosecution in the conspiracy hearing against Frank B. Harriman, Charles L. Ewing and John M. Taylor, former Illinois Central officials, charged with participating in extensive car repair scandals.

The testimony involved not only the names of the three men now on trial but extended to a dozen others who formerly occupied positions of trust with the railroad.

### RAVN IN ALLEGED RING.

The late Ira G. Rawn, who was mysteriously shot to death at his summer home last July, was named by Ostermann as one of the chief figures in the alleged graft ring.

Ostermann declared that Rawn, when vice president of the Illinois Central, was given 1,500 shares of stock in the Ostermann Manufacturing Company, and that this was increased to 2,700 shares. He said that Rawn sold this stock to the Ostermann plant at par, or \$1 a share.

After he had sold the stock back for \$13.00, the witness testified, Rawn demanded and got, first \$5, then \$10 and finally \$15 for each car repaired, or alleged to have been repaired at the Os-

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termann plant, Ostermann testified that he personally made one payment of \$16,500 to Rawn, which he said was for 700 cars upon which the concern had collected repair bills.

In addition to the payment per car as to Rawn, said Ostermann, a fixed monthly sum was paid certain officials and a 2 per cent per month dividend was paid on large blocks of Ostermann Manufacturing Company stock held by Illinois Central officials.

"What Illinois Central officials held stock in your company?" Ostermann was asked by Atty. Walter L. Fisher, counsel for the railroad.

"Ira G. Rawn had 2,700 shares, Frank B. Harriman had 2,200 shares, John M. Taylor had 1,500 and then 5,000 shares, Joseph E. Baker had 2,200 shares, William Renshaw had 1,500 shares and W. J. Taylor had 500 shares. S. P. and Mildred Harriman had 100 shares each, but I do not know who they are or whether they were connected with the Illinois Central company, their stock being bought and paid for by Frank B. Harriman."

"What officers of the road received monthly payments from your concern, and in what amount?"

### GRAFTING THROUGH SALARY.

"Frank B. Harriman received \$1,000 monthly, Joseph E. Baker \$1,000 monthly, William Renshaw was paid \$500 monthly, W. J. Taylor, \$100; R. M. Dunlap, \$100; R. D. Hanson, \$25, and P. A. Jones got \$100 on at least one occasion that I know of personally."

Ostermann then told of the organization of his company and how the men who helped him get started were later "turned down" to favor certain Illinois Central officials.

Ostermann first secured a patent on a special door for boxcars. To get money to market the enterprise he went to his old friends, to brakemen, conductors, yardmen and other railroad employees. Many of them purchased stock in the concern with their savings. They paid par value for the stock, but were never given anything but a nominal dividend upon their investment.

"The idea of going into the car re-

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pair business was first suggested to me by Mr. Condit, whom I met while selling stock in the grain door enterprise," said Ostermann. "Later, I took it up with John M. Taylor of the Illinois Central. He discouraged me at first and later assisted me. Joseph E. Baker took me to Ira G. Rawn to arrange for a contract to do repair work for the Illinois Central."

"Mr. Rawn asked me how many cars I thought I could turn out, and I replied about 25 per day. 'You are the man we are looking for,' he said, and the deal was arranged."

The witness related that in 1907 he was told by John M. Taylor that Frank B. Harriman wanted to see him; that Harriman wanted to buy new stock in the Ostermann concern.

"Mr. Harriman was then general manager for the Illinois Central and had offices in the Park Row station," said Ostermann. "I saw Harriman at his office and we had a talk about the stock."

I refused to sell Harriman a block of stock at the time, because I would thereby lose the controlling interest in the company. Instead of selling Harriman the stock, I came to an agreement whereby I was to pay Harriman \$1,000 a month. I paid this amount in person, sometimes in checks and in cash sometimes.

Some time after this I had a talk with Baker, and he suggested that I pay over some money to the 'old man' (Mr. Rawn). I asked him how much he said about \$5 a car for every car repaired. Later Baker said Mr. Rawn felt they ought to have a little more money on the cars. Baker said I ought to know what it would mean if I did not give it. Baker said that other repair companies were doing it, and that he had to take his orders regarding the placing of repair contracts from those above him. In this way the payments per car was raised to \$10 and then to \$15.

During the period that the alleged grafting was going on, Ostermann said, he handled each deal in person and therefore made the payments of money to the railroad officials. He declared that he frequently passed \$1,000 bills to certain of the men mentioned and upon one occasion he handed over a \$5,000 bill.

**COUNTERFEITING PLOT NIPPED IN THE BUD**  
Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 29.—A counterfeiting plot hatched in Folsom penitentiary in California was nipped in its fruition here last night when the police raided a private residence, arrested three ex-convicts and confiscated 25 molds and sufficient material to have turned out \$50,000 in spurious money.

The men arrested are C. R. Backman, who served 21 years in Folsom for setting fire to a ship in San Francisco harbor and who was released 18 months ago; Bert Grimm, now on parole from Folsom, and Charles M. Dece, who is said to have also been in the California prison.

A cellar was being dug under the house and the trio were preparing to engage in making bogus money on a wholesale scale.

**SIX NEW PROFESSORS FOR YALE UNIVERSITY**  
New Haven, Conn., Sept. 29.—With the opening of Yale university today for its two-hundred and eleven anniversary six new professors take up the work of their classes. Of the three are connected with the graduate school.

The new professors are Ernest C. Moore, for many years superintendent of schools of Los Angeles, who becomes professor of education; Albert F. Clay, from the University of Pennsylvania, who will be professor of Assyriology and Babylonian literature on the Lattin foundation, established by J. Pierpont Morgan; Charles McLean Andrews, from Johns Hopkins university, as professor of American history; William R. Vance, from George Washington university, professor of testamentary law in the law school, and Bertram Bollwood, from Cambridge, professor of radioactivity.

Owing to the absence of President Arthur F. Hadley abroad, Secy. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., will make the annual matriculation address.

**G. W. PATTEN LEFT FORTUNE OF \$5,000,000**  
Chicago, Sept. 29.—George W. Patten, the millionaire grain operator who died last night of tuberculosis at the home of his brother, James A. Patten, in Evanston, left a fortune estimated at \$5,000,000, the greater part of which, it is said, will be left to public charities, including a large donation for the furtherance of the anti-tuberculosis campaign.

Though relatives have tried to conceal from him the belief that he was dying, it has been known for months that he was suffering from a disease from which there was no hope of recovery. He spent eight years in Colorado fighting against the malady.

Two weeks ago announcement was made that Mr. Patten had created a fund of \$500,000 known as the "Agnes and Louisa Patten fund" for the endowment of the Evanston hospital association, an institution in which the two brothers took great interest.

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was made after extensive laboratory tests on Angel Island, has been carefully guarded by Dr. Glover and his assistants, who have been engaged in the work of analysis for the last four weeks.

For the last few months Hindus have been entering this port at the rate of over 300 a month.

Considerable agitation against the Hindu invasion has been evidenced of late throughout the Pacific coast states.

## FREDDIE GEBHARDT'S ESTATE VERY SMALL

New York, Sept. 29.—The will of the late "Freddie" Gebhardt was filed for probate yesterday. The petition sets forth that the one-time society leader died worth "less than \$10,000." It bequeaths the entire estate to Mrs. Mary Isabella Nelson, Mr. Gebhardt's sister.

## STEAMSHIPS FOUNDER, HUNDREDS DROWNED

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 29.—Several steamship disasters with heavy loss of life resulted from severe storms in Japanese and Chinese waters shortly prior to the sailing of the steamer Sade Maru, which arrived here yesterday. The steamer Tayei Kiao Maru plying between Amoy and Chuen Chou, Chinese, were drowned. The river steamer Ansein Maru collided with a bridge on the Sinana river near Nagasaki, Japan, and foundered, 50 of the 80 persons being drowned. The Chinese coasting steamer Kikiwa Maru went ashore Sept. 8 near Chino Island, Wakayama, and her crew was rescued with difficulty by fishermen.

## NO NAVAL EXPANSION FEVER IN JAPAN

Tokio, Sept. 14, via Victoria, B. C., Sept. 29.—The authorities deny reports of a recurrence in Japan of the naval

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Artillery was being sent from Mukden. A company of Japanese frontier guards who joined the Chinese and sought to assist in the attack were ordered to return by the Chinese.

## AMERICAN OLIVE CO. PLANT BURNED

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 29.—The plant of the American Olive Company, said to be the largest of its kind in the world, was totally destroyed by fire early this morning, entailing a loss of \$300,000. One hundred thousand gallons of olive oil valued at \$2 a gallon and \$25,000 worth of olives were consumed.

To Ogle via O. S. L., for Inter-Mountain Four State Fair and Inter-Mountain Good Roads Convention. Tickets on sale Sept. 22 to 29th inclusive, limited Sept. 30th. Round trip \$1.10. City Ticket Office 155 Main Street.

## THE SPIRIT OF "MORMONISM"

pervading an interesting story ought to make good reading. "The Castle Builder," by Neph Anderson, author of "Added Upon," is just such a book. It is printed and bound and well worth the price, cloth 75c. For sale by the Deseret News Book Store.

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**Lot No. 3** Elegant selection linens, striped soisettes and nun's veiling in cream, black, white and all shades, embroidered, pleated and tailored styles. The nun's veiling waists come in embroidery pleated, tucked and soutache braid effects. Worth \$3.00 each. Two days' sale.

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**NEW LIGHT ON SUICIDE OF REV. ARTHUR W. LITTLE**

Chicago, Sept. 29.—New light was thrown on the suicide of Rev. Arthur W. Little, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church in Evanston, last night, when it became known that he himself had been compelled to take treatment in a sanitarium at Neosho, Wis., for three weeks last January.

The letter which was found on Little's writing desk, read: "28 Sept. 1910. Something has broken in my brain. I told the doctor and the Slaymakers, and they would not believe me. But it is true. The wireless clothesline is broken. God have mercy."

Signed "A. W. LITTLE. "Oh, my poor wife! Be good to her." The sentence, "the wireless clothesline is broken," is unexplained.

"He was by far the finest Latin scholar in the diocese," said the Rev. W. T. Summer, dean of the cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, "and in my opinion one of the most refined, cultured clergymen we had. Personally he was charming, a real thoroughbred in every-day life."

"I have seen a great change in him in the last few years since the illness of his wife, and I know he has been more and more despondent of late, though I never had any expectation of this shocking end."

**IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES FIND HOOKWORM IN HINDUS**

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—A discovery that may prove far-reaching in its effect on oriental immigration into this country has been made, it is announced today, by Dr. M. W. Glover of the Angel Island immigrant station here. His discovery is that the Hindu is a victim of the hookworm disease.

Of 17 Hindus now being held at the hospital on the island, all but five, it is stated, have been found to be suffering from the peculiar malady. It is further announced that the Chinese immigrants, the only ones of that race to be examined have been shown to be afflicted with hookworm.

A federal statute debarbs aliens afflicted with dangerous contagious diseases from landing in this country. That hookworm falls under this classification, is the contention advanced here by those who profess to see in Dr. Glover's discovery the checking of further Hindu and perhaps other oriental immigration into the United States. The secret of the discovery, which

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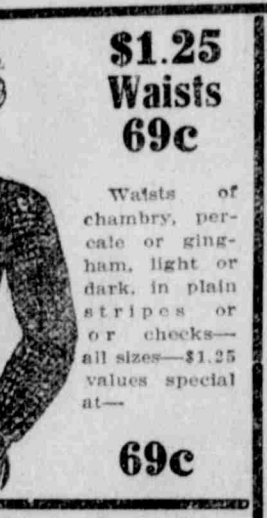
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